

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1615

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Melissa Rivers,
Kingsport City Schools Grades Pre-K-4 Teacher
of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Rivers is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivers has been selected as the 2021–2022 Grades Pre-K-4 Teacher of the Year for Kingsport City Schools, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a third-grade math/science teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, Melissa Rivers is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a sixteen-year veteran educator, Ms. Rivers has taught first, second, third, and fourth grades during her teaching career and has served as an East Tennessee State University iSLICEE mentor, a Kingsport City Schools Math Teacher Leader, a Lincoln Leadership Team member, and coach of the LEGO League, Jr., team; and

WHEREAS, she earned her bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies-Education K-6 from East Tennessee State University and is currently working toward completion of a Special Education add-on certification from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Rivers serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivers truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Melissa Rivers on being chosen as the 2021–2022 Grades Pre-K-4 Teacher of the Year for Kingsport City Schools, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.